

# EXHIBIT 9

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

ALI KARIMI, Individually and On Behalf of All  
Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEUTSCHE BANK AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT, JOHN  
CRYAN, AND CHRISTIAN SEWING,

Defendants.

**Case No. 1:22-cv-02854-JSR**

**DECLARATION OF ALI KARIMI IN SUPPORT  
OF PLAINTIFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTIONS FOR  
(I) FINAL APPROVAL OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND PLAN OF  
ALLOCATION AND (II) AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, REIMBURSEMENT OF  
EXPENSES, AND COMPENSATORY AWARDS TO PLAINTIFFS**

I, Ali Karimi, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am a Named Plaintiff in the above-captioned securities class action (the "Action").<sup>1</sup> I respectfully submit this declaration in support of (a) Plaintiffs' motion for final approval of the proposed Settlement and approval of the proposed Plan of Allocation; and (b) Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, including approval of my request to recover the reasonable costs and expenses I incurred in connection with my representation of the Settlement Class in the prosecution of this Action ("Award Request").

2. I have personal knowledge of the matters attested to in this Declaration.

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, capitalized terms have the meanings set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated September 17, 2022 ("Stipulation"). ECF No. 101-1.

3. The Award Request sought reimbursement in the amount of \$20,000 for the time I devoted to participating in this Action. *See* Gilmore Decl. ¶102.

4. I devoted significant time representing the Settlement Class in my capacity as the sole Lead Plaintiff in this Action. I am an engineer for a company that provides industry-leading specialty services and staffing solutions to the industrial/oil & gas, power generation, and transmission & distribution markets. I estimate that I spent 100 hours on my efforts overseeing the prosecution of this Action.

5. Although I did not keep diaries, timesheets, or records documenting the time that I spent overseeing the prosecution of this Action, I certify that throughout the litigation, I have been in regular contact with, and received periodic status reports from my attorneys at Pomerantz LLP (“Pomerantz” or “Lead Counsel”) and Bronstein Gewirtz & Grossman, LLC (“BGG” and, together with Pomerantz “Plaintiffs’ Counsel”) on case developments. I participated in discussions concerning the prosecution of the Action, the strengths of and risks of the claims, and potential settlement. In particular, throughout the course of this Action, I: (a) communicated with Plaintiffs’ Counsel regarding the posture and progress of the case; (b) compiled my trading data and completed my certification in connection with the initial complaint in this Action; (c) reviewed all of the significant pleadings and pre-motion letters filed in the Action; (d) searched my files for documents and produced documents in response to Defendants’ discovery requests; (e) prepared and sat for a deposition; (f) consulted with Plaintiffs’ Counsel regarding the settlement negotiations and mediation; and (g) evaluated and approved the proposed Settlement.

6. In sum, I respectfully request that the Court approve the Settlement, grant a compensatory award of \$20,000 to me in light of my time and effort in pursuing the Action.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing facts are true and correct.

Executed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2022.

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Ali Karimi